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Security and climate change

1. Amend the title to read:

Climate change and its possible security implications

2. Add four preambular paragraphs at the beginning of the draft resolution, reading:

Recalling its resolutions 43/53 of 6 December 1988 and 54/222 of 22 December 1999, its decision 55/443 of 20 December 2000 and its resolutions 56/199 of 21 December 2001, 57/257 of 20 December 2002, 58/243 of 23 December 2003, 59/234 of 22 December 2004, 60/197 of 22 December 2005, 61/201 of 20 December 2006, 62/86 of 10 December 2007 and other resolutions relating to the protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind,

Recalling also the provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the acknowledgement that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and their social and economic conditions,

Reaffirming the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,

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3. Amend the existing first preambular paragraph to read:

Recalling Article 1 of the Charter of the United Nations, which recognizes that the purposes of the United Nations are, among others, to maintain international peace and security and to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character,

4. Delete the existing second, third, fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs.

5. Delete the words "including energy and climate change" from the end of the existing sixth preambular paragraph.

6. Insert the following after the existing sixth preambular paragraph:

Remaining deeply concerned that all countries, in particular developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, face increased risks from the negative effects of climate change, and stressing the need to address adaptation needs relating to such effects,

7. Add the words "and recognizing its primary role in addressing issues related to climate change," at the end of the existing seventh preambular paragraph.

8. Amend the existing eighth preambular paragraph to read:

Noting that the adverse impacts of climate change, including sea-level rise, may have, inter alia, implications for population relocation and threaten the territorial integrity of some States, in particular small island developing States,

9. Add three new operative paragraphs, reading:

Stresses the seriousness of climate change, and calls upon States to work cooperatively towards achieving the ultimate objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change through the implementation of its provisions,

Welcomes the decisions adopted during the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Bali, Indonesia, from 3 to 14 December 2007, calls for urgent global action to address climate change in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, and urges the international community to assist developing countries in addressing the consequences of climate change, particularly through new, additional and predictable financial resources, capacity-building and access to and transfer of technology,

Welcomes the launch of the Adaptation Fund during the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol aimed at addressing the needs of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, and looks forward to its early operationalization,

10. Amend the existing operative paragraphs 1 and 2 to read:

1. *Decides* to consider and address, as appropriate, the possible security implications posed by climate change, in particular for small island developing States;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

11. Delete the existing operative paragraph 3.